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Dear Dr. Wickerham:

Thank you for your letter of January 12 with its instructive information and generous offer of strains. For the present the scope of our work with yeast is sufficiently limited by extrinsic factors that we had best be conservative in the range of species that we bring into our work. At some later date, however, I hope to be able to take advantage of your generous offer of strains, particularly of the different mating types of various species.

Your letter answered my main questions, namely the distribution of certain sugar fermentations among the yeasts. I would be indebted to you for reprints on this subject as they appear from your laboratory, and especially for your technical bulletin No. 1029 if this is still available.

Yours very sincerely,

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